

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Previously presented): A display control apparatus for image forming apparatus comprising:

a first operation panel with which operators can select multiple functions of an image forming apparatus;

a second operation panel that is configured so that it can be loaded and unloaded freely to/from the image forming apparatus and with which operators can select the multiple functions;

a detection means to detect whether the second operation panel is loaded or not when the image forming apparatus is turned on; and

a controlling means that controls display of items so that predefined display items are displayed on the first operation panel when the detection means determines that the second operation panel is not loaded, and

adds to the predefined display items at least a mode button that can switch the display of items on the second operation panel when the detection means determines that the second operation panel is loaded.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): A method of providing user interface displays in an image forming apparatus, the image forming apparatus having a first, standard display device and a second, optional display device, the method comprising:

testing if the second, optional display device is available;

if the second, optional display device is available, then providing a first standard user interface to the first display device and an operation guidance interface to the second display device;

if the second, optional display is not available, then providing a second standard interface to the first display device;

wherein the first standard interface includes an option for the user to select a different interface and the second standard interface lacks an option for the user to select a different interface.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): The method of providing user interface displays in an image forming apparatus of claim 3, wherein if a user selects the option for the different interface, then providing the different interface to the first display device and the second display device.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of providing user interface displays in an image forming apparatus of claim 4, wherein the different interface comprises an advanced interface.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of providing user interface displays in an image forming apparatus of claim 5, wherein the advanced interface includes an option for the user to select a custom interface.

Claim 7 (Original): The method of providing user interface displays in an image forming apparatus of claim 6 further comprising, if the user selects the option for the custom interface, then providing the custom interface to the first display device and the second display device.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of providing user interface displays in an image forming apparatus of claim 3, wherein the first standard interface and the second standard interface are substantially identical except for the option for the user to select a different interface.

Claims 9-30 (canceled).

Claim 31 (Currently amended): The display control apparatus for image forming apparatus of claim 2, wherein the controlling means further controls the display of items so that if a user selects the mode button, ~~option for the different interface~~, then the display of items on the second operation panel is switched to a different interface. ~~different interface is provided to the first display device and the second display device.~~

Claim 32 (Previously presented): The display control apparatus for image forming apparatus of claim 31, wherein the different interface comprises an advanced interface.

Claim 33 (Previously presented): The display control apparatus for image forming apparatus of claim 32, wherein the advanced interface includes an option for the user to select a custom interface.

Claim 34 (Currently amended): The display control apparatus for image forming apparatus of claim 33, wherein the controlling means further controls the display of items so that if the user selects the

option for the custom interface, then the custom interface is provided to the ~~first display device and~~
the second operation panel. ~~display device.~~

Claim 35 (Currently amended): The display control apparatus for image forming apparatus of claim
2, wherein

the first operation panel has a first standard interface for display when the second
operation panel is present,

the first operation panel has a second standard interface for display when the second
operation panel is not present, and

the first standard interface and the second standard interface are substantially identical
except for the mode button. ~~option for the user to select a different interface.~~